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WRITING MONTH

Writers complete novels in 30-day contest

By Sarah Rajewski KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Writing 50,000 words might sound like an incredible feat, but it will take only 30 days for people participating in National Novel Writing Month to write their 50,000-word novels.

NaNoWriMo, which starts Nov. 1, is a world-wide event that brings both amateur and professional writers together, said William Hsu, co-municipal liaison of NaNoWriMo for Manhattan and associate professor of computing and information sciences.

More than 100,000 people and 80 countries participate in the event, according to a press release.

NaNoWriMo begins Nov. 1, and this year is the 10th anniversary of the event that was started in San Francisco by journalist Chris Baty and 20 of his friends, Hsu said.

Hsu said the event allows people who lead busy lives to take the first step in writing a novel.

"[NaNoWriMo is] for people who always wanted to do it but put it off for work and personal reasons," Hsu said.

In NaNoWriMo, there are no prizes or judging, except a word-count check. Participants can begin uploading their works to the NaNoWriMo Web site for the validation process, which ensures the story is long enough. About 18 percent of the participants complete the process and are deemed the "winners," Hsu said.

Hsu said about 200 Manhattan residents participate. As a municipal liaison, Hsu said he helps coordinate local activities, like a kick-off party, fundraising, pep talks, and a "Thank God It's Over Party"

NaNowriMo has a laptop loaner program for people who need computers. Hsu said participants just have to pay for shipping and a refundable deposit.

Hsu welcomed anyone to participate and said this event is a great way to learn about writing, and meet other aspiring writers around the community.

"This is just something that helps give people a sense of community, a group of people to share the joys and challenges of writing their first novel together with, and also a way to give people pointers from experienced writers and other creative people," Hsu said.

For more information about NaNoWriMo, e-mail Hsu at banazir@gmail.com. To participate in the event, register at www.NaNoW-riMo.org.

POLITICAL BOUNDARIES



Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

BELOW AND ABOVE: Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe from Washington D.C., satirize past and current events that have shaped American laws and policies. The comedians mock political characters and joke about certain American political views. TOP: **Bari Biern**, actor and comedian, performed as Sarah Palin Sunday evening during the Capitol Steps performance held at 7:30 in McCain Auditorium.

Capitol Steps brings D.C. antics to McCain

By Sarah Rajewski KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Capitol Steps performance Sunday night in McCain Auditorium began with a voiceover.

"The emergency exits are on your right and left," the voice said. "Please stay seated in the case of an emergency and wait for a federal bailout."

The hilarity of the group continued after that first line. The beginning songs were based off the musical/movie "Mamma Mia." The group sang "Obama Mia" to describe the media's infatuation with Barack Obama. A John McCain impersonator sang "The Beginner Takes It All," another ABBA song, lamenting about Obama's inexperience. Next came "Dance McCain" a greak at McCain's age.

Cain," a crack at McCain's age.
As the show moved on, the group mocked both Democrats and Republicans, many aspects of American society and various national and international figures. The audience was laughing the entire show.



"The show was hilarious," said Todd Holmberg, executive director of McCain Auditorium. "They touched on a lot of topical, news worthy items, so the

show was very timely."

The show featured many other parodies, including one scene with four old Supreme Court justices singing "Stayin' Alive." Shakespeare characters

made an appearance in a skit entitled "Shamlet," which described Hilary Clinton's exclusion from the White House in Shakespearean language.

"All the actors and singers were great at portraying all of the political gossip and jokes going around in the news right now," said Kris Grinter, freshman in biology.

Besides mocking the political figures in the upcoming elections, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Vladimir Putin and others made appearances. The group joked about various topics like FEMA, Oprah, Clay Aiken and the University of Kansas.

"If Capitol Steps was a drug I would be hooked on it," said Griffin Page, freshman in political science. "It is Jon Stewart meets High School Musical; absolutely riveting."

Holmberg said one of his favorite parts of the show was the large number of college students in attendance. Thom Jackson, marketing director of McCain, said that all were entertained since an audience always loves good fluff and comedy, like the group portrayed.

"Given the fact that they got a standing ovation, I would say yeah, the audience loved it," Jackson said.

The group was formed in 1981 at a Senate office

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Organizations participate in Homecoming chalking contest

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Chalk-covered sidewalks are nothing new for K-State students. Advertisements for clubs, student events, greek fundraisers and many other campus functions can be found everywhere on campus.

This week, however, the chalk designs covering Bosco Student Plaza were a little different.

The K-State Student Sidewalk Chalking and Spirit Banner Contest, part of the Homecoming week festivities, was at the plaza on Sunday afternoon.

Most of the chalk murals were about five feet

wide by five feet long and included the "Hard Rock K-State" theme with K-State elements. Many groups used guitars and music notes along with Powercat logos.

"Five student organizations are participating in the contest this year," said Nellie Feehan, junior in hotel and restaurant management

Those organizations included the Black Student Union, the Honor and Integrity Peer Educators, the Japanese Student Assciation, the Japanese Yosakoi Dance Club and the Poize hip-hop dance team.

Four to five students worked on each mural, and most included the names

of their organizations. One was emblazoned with "Beat OU!" in hopes that the football team will beat Oklahoma during the Homecoming game

The contest was organized by a committee comprised of Feehan; Trista Brown, senior in management; and Drew Rhodes, sophomore in business administration.

According to the committee, various Manhattan residents who have art-related backgrounds will serve as judges for the contest. Brown said the final results of the contest will be handled differently this year.

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"We're announcing the results at the pep rally



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The K-State Student Sidewalk Chalking and Spirit Banner Contest took place Sunday afternoon in Bosco Student Plaza.

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The Peters Recreation Complex seeks volleyball officials. Starting pay is \$7.50. The training clinic will be at 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. To qualify, attend all sessions at the Rec Complex. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

A captain/manager meeting for intramural volleyball will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Peters Recreation Complex. Play schedules will be issued at this meeting. Teams not represented at this meeting will be put on probation, and one forfeit — for any reason — will drop the team from the remainder of the schedule.

Intramural entries for bowling and cross country are being accepted through Thursday. Sign up in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet is Oct. 26 at Warner Park. Bowling will take place at the Union Bowling Center on Nov. 2 and 9. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times and info.

Ask questions, get advice. K-State Healthy Decisions will sponsor its second Student Speaker Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Listen to K-State students discuss their academic challenges and how they overcame them. Visit different resource tables for information and free items. For more information, e-mail kstatehd@ksu.edu.

Rec Services is accepting registrations until Oct. 29 for Hungry for Healthy Lifestyles, a three-week general nutrition program focusing on topics like making healthy food choices, emotional eating, maintaining healthy habits, healthy cooking and more. Classes begin Nov. 4, meeting from 5:15 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov 25. Participation is limited to 35 people. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. All current students and rec members are eligible to participate. A registration fee of \$40 will be paid during sign up. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Valeriy Kolesnikov at 3 p.m. Nov. 3 in Nichols 236.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payment must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

Rec Services presents Healthy Women Workshop from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov 8. This is a free workshop to learn tips about introductory lifting techniques and health benefits of adding weight lifting to your workout routine. It's free for K-State students and Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office by Nov 7. For more info, call 785-532-6980.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring '20s musical" Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium on the Manhattan High School West Campus. Adult tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale after Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.

THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

THURSDAY

Fredrick Derell Swinson, 821 N. 11th St., was arrested at 11 a.m. for failure to appear, Bond was set at \$5,500. Luciana Pernetha Sanders, 500

Bluemont Ave., was arrested at 12:20 p.m. for aggravated battery. Bond was set at Joshua Isaac Hollamon, Falls City, Neb.,

was arrested at 3:41 p.m. for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,750. Justin Cain Carson, 1422 Colorado St.,

was arrested at 6:47 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500. Letisha Nicole Allen, 2411 Woodway

Drive, Unit J, was arrested at 7:45 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$316. Ashley Lynn Prichard, White City, Kan.,

was arrested at 9:15 p.m. for worthless check and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500

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set at \$750.

Edward Ryan Looney, Topeka, was arrested at 1:24 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Jami Rachelle Breese, 2004 Beck St., was arrested at 2:23 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750. Joseph Calhoun Ida, 1322 Colorado St., No. 2, was arrested at 2:40 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750 Shawn Edward Boyd, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 2:57 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Collegian would like to clarify aspects of its story, "Reitz arrest involved alleged harassment of ex-wife" from Friday's Collegian. Rob Stitt, president of Community First National Bank, said the bank did not give the money for Reitz's bond, however whether the bank issued the money as a loan is private and he would not release the information.

The Collegian regrets the confusion.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail collegian@spub.ksu.edu.

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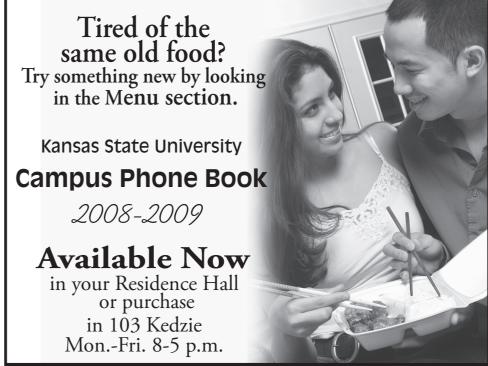






COMESTITUTES HOLDERS







5K race kicks off Homecoming

By Tyler Sharp KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Some arrived decked out in costumes. More participants came in traditional running attire. While their appearances might have looked different, they came with one purpose in mind. They were taking part in the sixth annual 5K Homecoming Race.

This year's race featured 840 entrants and was similar in size to past races, said Andrea Bryant-Gladin, associate director of alumni programs for the K-State Alumni Association.

The race proceeds will go toward the Jon and Ruth Wefald Pavilion in City Park, Bryant-Gladin said.

"We wanted to pick a philanthropy that would recognize them for their service to the university," she said

The Wefalds are the grand marshals during Homecoming Week.

Homecoming Week officially underway, Bryant-Gladin said this year's race was a success.

"It was a beautiful day, and we had students show up," she said. "Both students and community members showed up to participate, and all of our volunteers were here and did a great job."

The race path took entrants from the starting line near East Stadium and the K-State Student Union, north on Denison



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The Homecoming Race path took competitors from Memorial Stadium, north on Denison Avenue and east on Kimball Avenue before ending where the race began.

Avenue and east on Kimball Avenue before wrapping its way through campus and ending where the race began. For some new students, the race was a fun experience.

"It was my first competitive race, so it was fun to get out there and see what all the runners do," said Brian Moore, freshman in electrical engineering and math. "I usually run during the night, so it was really fun to run in the morning."

The temperatures for the race were in the 50s and 60s with a constant wind. Opinions differed on whether the wind affected the race positively or negbetter when you are running into it."

But Leslie Campbell, sophomore in apparel marketing, wasn't as big of a

"I thought it kind of slowed me down at some points," she said. "But I'm glad it's a good tempera-

Entrants were divided into four categories. Students and non-students were divided amongst males and females. First place finishers in each category received \$100 prizes, which came from part of the race proceeds. Kory Cool, senior in kinesiology, won the male student category with a time of 16:57.81. In the fe-

Crazy Cat Kickoff provides messy competition for residence halls

By Natalie Crane KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Water sloshed, balpopped, shaving cream smeared and skittles were dropped as resident hall members took part in the games of the Crazy Cat Kickoff Sunday night.

The event was sponsored by the K-State Association of Residence Halls. It began at 7:30 p.m. at Webber Arena after candidates for K-State Ambassadors for the 2009 school year gave reasons for why they should be elected.

Joe Klug, sophomore in theater, was in charge of the evening's games, explaining the games and their rules. The games took place all at once in stations with teams rotating to the next game.

The first game described was the shaving cream puzzle pieces game, where contestants had to dig through a box filled with shaving cream to find the puzzle pieces and assemble the puzzle before the other team. This was one of the messier games as some students were having too much fun with the shaving cream, smearing it on one another.

The second game involved building the tallest tower using balloons and masking tape. Teams would celebrate the conclusion by popping all of the balloons with a full-body slam.

Third was the sponge relay in which team members transported water with soaking sponges from one bucket to the other. Teams would try to empty their bucket first while still having the most water in the second.

The fourth game had students getting down on their knees to try to scoop up as many Skittles from a bucket into a spoon carried in their mouth, then walking to dump as many as possible into the second buck-

The most complicated game took the entire team to complete. One person acted as the mouth, two as the legs, one as the arms, and one as the butt.

One person would blow up balloons that were transported by a player's arms, then carried by two players' legs to a seat on which a player's butt would sit on the balloon to pop it.

Members would switch off positions and the team that popped the most balloons won the event.

The body balloon race was a favorite of Katylin Saatoff, freshman in accounting. She said she enjoved it the most because of the team work it involved.

The entire event is just for members of the residence halls and cooperative house, with points won from the games going toward the homecoming competition.

Klug said that it was important to create more opportunities for the residence halls to get points since the greek houses had Wildcat Request Live. He also said that it was just a non-stressful way for residence halls to get involved with homecoming.

Alaina Shelton, sophomore in secondary education, was in charge of the sponge relay, and she felt that the residents really benefited from the events because of the connection they had to it.

Winners of the event will be announced at Friday's pep rally.

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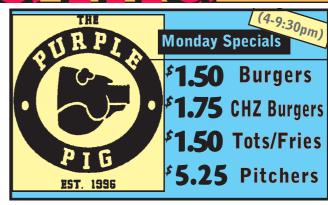
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Women's health still a world issue



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In countries across the world, women lose their lives in childbirth. According to the United Nations Population Fund, each of these deaths represents an additional 20 women who experience serious complications.

Pregnancy in developed countries is typically a cause for celebration and excitement. The mother-to-be and her family do not fear for the mother's mortality at the end of the nine months. Women in developing countries on the other hand have an entirely different maternal experi-

To start, women in many countries do not have access to resources or information about family planning. Many women do not understand that they have the ability to control when and how often they have children. Many women become pregnant year after year, increasing exposure to maternal health problems and decreasing the ability of the mother to care for the children she already has.

Without information about or access to contraceptives, occurrences of unintended pregnancies are widespread. Such pregnancies also can interfere with the woman's ability to receive an education or participate in the lo-

According to the United Nations Foundation, "more than 200 million women in the developing world wish to delay or end childbearing but do not have access to modern contraceptives. As a result, there are between 70 and 80 million unintended pregnancies in the developing world each year."

With each pregnancy, women in developing countries face incredible challenges along with the very real possibility of not surviving childbirth. The mortality rate attributed to the action of childbirth can be directly connected to the quality of medical attention which the woman receives. Access to safe and clean health facilities staffed by trained individuals with the necessary medical equipment is a luxury – and a right – that most developing countries do not enjoy.

For instance, UNFPA states that all of the top causes of maternal mortality – hemorrhage, sepsis, safety, abortion, hypertensive disorders and obstructed labor can be treated at facilities with the qualities mentioned earlier. In addition to decreasing maternal mortality, such facilities also can decrease the infant mortality rate of a country. At the very least, women in these countries should have access to life-saving emergency obstetric care in a timely manner.

On Oct. 10, the Washington Post published an article titled "A Mother's Final Look at Life," in which the tragedy of maternal health across the world was exposed in great detail. For instance, at a rundown hospital in Sierra Leone, patients are expected to provide their own medical supplies. A blood transfusion – which could have saved the life of the mother had it occurred in a more timely manner by trained staff with quality equipment - was conducted with blood that had been purchased on the black market.

UNFPA points out that a handful of countries including Cuba, Thailand, Egypt and China have decreased their maternal mortality rates significantly "as more women have gained access to family planning and skilled birth attendance with backup emergency obstetric care." Recruitment and professional training of midwives within the countries have been integral to this development.

As the future of the population within countries depends on the vitality of its mothers and their children, it is crucial that the global community focuses on providing quality maternal care to the women of the world.

Molly Hamm is a senior in English. Please send comments to



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Purest sound come from old vinyl records

In an age when MP3 players are the norm and everyone holds their iPods and earbuds as treasures, it is a shock to some to learn that while CD sales continue to fall, vinyl record sales continue to climb

It can't yet be said that vinyl is taking over CDs and other digital forms of music. According to the music-tracking system Nielsen Soundscan, in 2007, only about .2 percent of music sales were on records, compared to 10 percent for digital downloads, and 89.7 percent of sales on CDs. But this small slice of sales for vinyl represents more than a 15-percent jump in sales over 2006 – up to 990,000 records from 858,000 the year before.

So one must wonder why people are going back to what many thought to have been a format that "died" more than 20 years ago. For many, it's about actually owning the record. In the Digital Age when people can have literally thousands of songs at their fingertips with their MP3 players, it's endearing to have a large cardboard cover – prime real estate for artwork. The somewhat archaic form of records allows for large sheets of liner-notes where lyrics and other cool things can be written

Records are also substantially cheaper than other formats readily available today. While new vinyl can cost as much as a CD, it's easy to walk into local shops – like Sisters of Sound Music in Manhattan – and

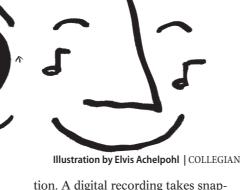
buy five used records in good shape for 10 bucks. This allows college students and others short on funds to really collect music and learn to appreciate great old albums Since re-

cords are an older form of music, they require a bit of work, of course. To play a record, one must actually take the record out of the sleeve, put it on the turntable, place the needle on the track, etc.

However, this allows for people to really appreciate music. On an MP3 player, so often people skip from track to track, blindly switching genres and styles of music, but listening to a record is more like reading a book – it's better listening from start

When people do decide to listen to a record from start to finish, it opens doors to new tracks that people who are only interested in top 40 hits would miss out on.

And when it comes to sound quality, nothing can match the warm soft sound of a vinyl record. The secret is the analog recording. According to electronics.howstuffworks.com, "original sound is analog by defini-



tion. A digital recording takes snapshots of the analog signal at a certain rate – for CDs it is 44,100 times per second – and measures each snapshot with a certain accuracy.'

The fact that the digital recording chops the sound wave into a number of steps lessens the quality of the sound and can be heard relatively easily if one was to listen to a digital recording and then an analog record

recording of the same song.
So dig through those basements and ransack those attics; get those old turntables out and start playing records again. When you hear the superior sound quality and read the lyrics sheet, you'll be glad you did.

Mark Erbacher is a junior in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

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by the editorial staff.

To the guy with the scooter covered in camouflage duck tape: Nice try regaining some of your manhood.

I'd rather put my wiener in a meat grinder.

What's your name?

To the girl in my Marketing 400 class: Please don't pick your nose.

To the dude who hates K-State football so much: Don't be mad that the quarterback stole your girlfriend.

just came in to update his

I was at CES and Ron Prince

Every time Bush talks, the Dow drops.

Cindy McCain looks like the crypt keeper.

Dane broke his leg. Really, this time it happened.

Happy 19th birthday, Ashley.

To the girl I almost annihilated at the crosswalk yesterday: I apologize, and you're beautiful. I'm fully prepared to compensate for any cardiac damages you suffered.

Apple, orange, Lydia. I enjoy all the finer "Peeles" in life.

Cotton picking, here I thought Weber Hall got damaged, and they're spending all their time on Willard. What's up with that?

To the writers in the comic "You Suck:"You're right, you

the closing of ag orientation, thus did my heels click in a show of joy.

I don't know if people are just being polite, but I have to say it, please get off that bike, you are actually bend-

ing the metal.

I just got passed by a PT Cruiser with spinners and a body kit. How lame is that?

I lost my roommate.

You know you're in a good chemistry class when you're dealing with stuff that can blow you up.

Famous last words of a redneck, "Hey, everybody, watch this!"

Collegian, why was Thursday's crossword puzzle the same as Wednesday's? Did you editors drink too much one across or something?

I just attended the firstannual sexapolooza, and it was awesome.

The new best drinking game ever is messaging people on Craig's List who are looking for women and telling them to meet you places that you're not at and then watching them secretly while drinking beer.

To the "real scooter guy:" I second your opinion, and we should start a gang. Yes, my friend.

If you get your food delivered, freaking tip the driver.



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TO THE POINT

Show pride this Homecoming

Here it is K-Staters. This is your week to show off your purple pride, so get involved, have fun and stay safe.

This week the campus is full of events for everyone. The activities include every-

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thing from dancing and singing – competitively or just for fun – to building, drawing designing and/or creating, then showing off parade floats, sidewalk-chalk drawings and window paintings.

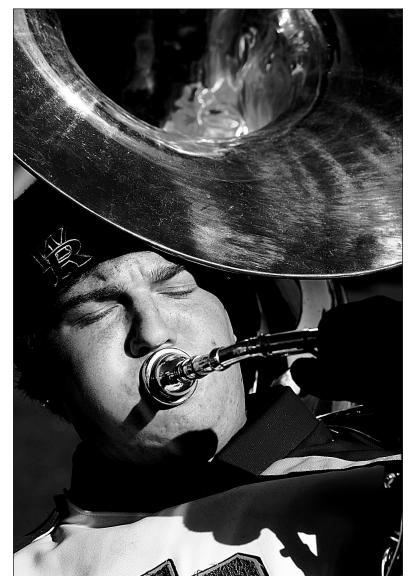
If you think Homecoming as an all-greek affair, well think again. During the last several years more and more effort has been put into the planning to include everyone on campus as well as throughout the community ... as long as you aren't a Jayhawk.

However, since there will be so many people in town to celebrate our school, make sure your celebrations do not get out of hand. This would not be the week to see what happens if you do keg stands in the Alumni Center lawn or go streaking in the Quad. A lot of alumni and K-State families will be in town, and we should make K-State the best it can be.

So, have fun this week, and be proud to be purple.

More than 30 high school bands battle in marching festival

Jake Lero of Washburn Rural High School in Topeka performed with his school's marching band at the **Central States** Marching Festival at **Snyder Family** Stadium Saturday.



Lisle Alderton COLLEGIAN

By Natalie Crane KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Saturday marked the 22nd-annual Central States Marching Festival, in which Midwestern high school marching bands traveled to Manhattan to perform at Snyder Family Stadium.

More than 30 bands marched into the stadium to show off what their schools could do. The teams practiced and drilled throughout the day while they waited for their chances to perform in front of family and

The performances began at noon and continued through the evening. Judges from various band backgrounds gave them "superior," "excellent" or "good" ratings based on standards like repertoire, coordination, musical content and accuracy.

"I think we did pretty well," said Price Toon, sophomore at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School.

After watching a videotape of his marching band's performance, the cymbal and gong player said on a scale of one to 10, his band would probably be a seven or seven and a half.

Many of the bands gave memorable performances, and a crowd favorite was Derby High School. They gave their performance with a touch of the "wild west," playing the theme from "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," complete with cowboy costumes for the flag team. It also featured a "gun fight" between Clint Eastwood's "Man with No Name" character and another cowboy dressed com-

pletely in black. Other schools performed compilations of '80s rock music, various theme songs by John Williams, songs from Broadway and much more.

Parents of students in the marching bands thought the festival was a great way to showcase the students'

Tom Severin, father of a tuba player from Buhler High School, said he thought the festival was a good place for students to see other bands perform. He also said he liked hearing how other bands interpreted songs.

"[It is a] really good opportunity for kids to realize what it's like to perform in a college setting," said Cheryl Murray, whose daughter is a drummer from Shawnee Mission West High School.

To finish the evening of band performances, the K-State Marching Band took

the field to show off their college-level skills.

They played a medley of Beatles' songs and finished with Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Money does not create economic problems, wrong relationship with it does

Editor,

First of all I want to say Amanda Moerlien's column was very well written, and I am just happy to see the Collegian is speaking out on Christianity.

However in response to the Pope, Scriptures like Psalm 35:27, 37:4, 3 John 2:1, Proverbs 13:22 and Luke 5:1-10 clearly state that the God of the Universe

does not a have a problem with individuals possessing

I believe he has a problem when individuals have a "wrong" relationship with money as seen in Scriptures like 1 Timothy 6:10 and Luke 16:13.

In our day and age, people need to realize two things. One, that money is to be used as a resource or tool to benefit the kingdom of God, others and self - in that order. Second, that God is the source and manufacturer of the tool called money (Deuteronomy 8:18, Colossians 1:16-17).

thing The beautiful about him being the manufacturer of money is that he gave us a manual - the Bible – that instructs us on how to use money. Sadly, in these times individuals do not know or trust God

enough to follow the instruction manual. Most live their lives based on greedy desires which ultimately leads to destruction or a financial crisis (Proverbs 14:12).

Moreover, it just hurts when I see people committing suicide based on our financial situation, because the Bible clearly says riches can be deceitful and the money can grow wings and fly away (Mark 4:19, Proverbs 23:5).

When I say deceitful, mean riches distort the truth and become an idol by claiming "I will keep you happy. I will provide for you and in me you should trust."

The truth is that only God can provide all your needs (Philippians 4:19) and only God will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5-6).

In conclusion, faith

alone cannot bring you generational wealth and riches (Proverbs 13:22), but being led by the Holy Spirit, mixed with a healthy consumption of the Word can.

I believe Americans should start spending their money facedown and realize that it is in God we trust.

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FOOTBALL | K-STATE 13, COLORADO 14



Josh Moore | Moore played a huge part in keeping the Buffaloes to just 14 points. He had 13 solo tackles, two pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one interception.

NUMBER TO REMEMBER

13 | K-State scored just 13 points against the Buffaloes. Before that, the lowest point total for the Wildcats was 28 against Texas Tech. K-State had chances, but missed field goals, turnovers and poor blocking limited the Wildcats to their worse offensive performance by far.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

Dan Hawkins | On keeping Tyler Hansen a secret "I don't think they prepared for it; which, by the way, I have got to give the local media mad props. For being out there and watching it everyday and not saying anything, that's huge right there. I know a lot of coaches bust on the media, and I appreciate you guys doing that."

ANALYSIS

Offense falls behind in loss

By Cole Manbeck KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The defense has repeatedly said its goal is to hold its opponent to less than 21 points each game. They ac-complished that mission Saturday, but the offense failed to make its mark on the game, as it was held to a season-low 13

In fact, 28 points was the least amount of points K-State had scored in a game this year.

It would be easy to point the finger at Brett Alstatt for his fumble late in the game with the Wildcats driving, or kicker Brooks Rossman for missing a couple of field goals.

"Everyone had miscues out there tonight," said junior receiver Brandon Banks. "We lost as a

K-State shot themselves in the foot repeatsomething that is ill-affordable on the

The Wildcats were penalized nine times for 84-yards, a season-high. Most of the penalties came at critical junctures in the game.

K-State's offense was 3-15 on third down conversions. They failed to sustain long drives as Colorado held the ball for almost 37 minutes, nearly 62 percent of the game.

The Wildcat offense drove the ball into Colorado territory eight times, but only put points on the board in three of the eight drives

"The truth is we had plenty of opportunities down there," said coach Ron Prince. "That's my job to make sure that we score enough points to

win." Meanwhile, the offensive line struggled to protect its quarterback. The Buffaloes brought different blitz packages all night to fluster the

Wildcat line. "They were bringing pressure at key moments," said quarterback Josh Freeman. "They were rolling coverage and blitzing well. They played well. They're not a bad football team. They have good players; I just think they're struggling to find an identity."

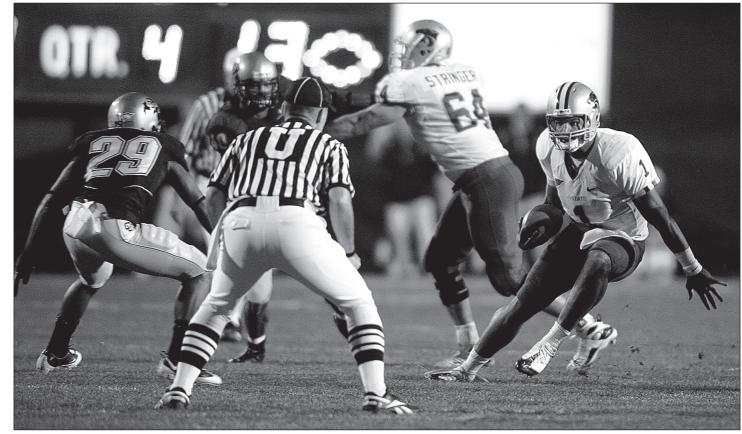
Prince said that he was pleased to still have the opportunity to try and win the game in the two-minute offense

Prince said he thought his team would be able to come out and get at least two scores in the second half. But it didn't work out that way, with K-State scoring its only points in the half with 10:49 left in the third quarter.

"The truth is that we got the ball and had a chance to go down on the two-minute drive to score and win, and we didn't get that done," he said.

"There are a lot of different things that go into it, but I'll need to do a better job of putting [Freeman] in a position to score points, and I didn't do a good enough job of that tonight."

Just not enough



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Quarterback Josh Freeman escaped the pocket for a rush against the Colorado Buffaloes. Freeman ran for 42 yards on seven carries, including a 17 yard touchdown run. His 13 rushing touchdowns this season leave him tied for second in the NCAA in that category.

Cats drop heartbreaker in Boulder

By Cole Manbeck KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

BOULDER, Colo. - It was an inverse of sorts for K-State.

The defense, which has struggled all season to keep opponents off of the scoreboard, limited the Colorado offense to 353 yards. But it wasn't enough as K-State fell 14-13

Saturday at Folsom Field. "It was a great football game," said coach Ron Prince. "We have been trying to put ourselves in a position here for three years to be able to have a close ballgame like that with the ball to go win it, and we didn't get it done. We came up short.

The Wildcats took control of the game early. Placekicker Brooks Rossman booted through a 36-yard field goal to go along with a career high 53-yarder.

However, he missed his next two field goal attempts.

"We try to make field goals at the beginning of the game so it doesn't come down to having to make them at the end," said Rossman, who was a perfect 5-5 on field goals heading into the game.

"Those are huge for you," Prince said. "The truth is, in conference play - when you go on the road - field goals, they really get you beat."

K-State went into the locker room trailing at halftime 14-6.

Colorado got the ball to start the second half, but the Wildcat defense held the Buffaloes to a three-and-out, giving the offense the ball at the Colorado 46-yard line. K-State

wouldn't allow another point in the game.

It appeared K-State had captured the momentum when it proceeded to drive the ball 46 yards on three plays to score a touchdown and close the lead to 14-13.

But not another point would be scored in the final 25-minutes, 49-seconds

With more than five minutes remaining in the game, Freeman hit tight end Brett Alstatt for an eight-yard pass play to the Buffalo 35-yard line. But Alstatt fumbled and Colorado recovered.

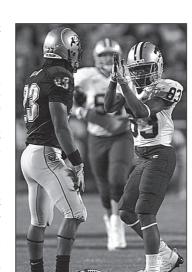
The Buffaloes then drove 10 plays -35 – melting the game clock down to 59 seconds, before turning it over to K-State after a failed fourth down at-

We put the ball in the hands of one of our very trusted players, and their guy made a great play," Prince said. "I know our guy feels terrible

Quarterback Josh Freeman said the game went smoothly. except for just a few certain

"We knew it would be a dogfight," said Freeman, who finished 20-41 passing for 237 yards. "We just couldn't pull out a win. The game played out a lot like Coach Prince told us it would. We know who we are. We just wish we could get some plays back."

Sophomore cornerback Josh Moore had one of the best games of his young Wildcat career, recording 13 solo tackles with an interception and a fumble recovery.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN Wide receiver Brandon Banks claps after making a catch Saturday against Colorado.

Moore said the defense could build off its performance.

"We only gave up 14 points, but that wasn't good enough," Moore said. "I feel disappointed because we didn't win. If we had won, it might be a little different."

Prince, who repeatedly took the blame for the loss after the game, said he was pleased with the defensive effort from his team.

"We'll look back and have plenty of second-guessing to do," Prince said. "I did not do a good enough job with our offense this week. It's one of those games where the head coach ought to be able to get us scores there in the end, and I was unable to do that."

BOXSCORE

KSU 6 0 7 0 — 13 **CU** 0 14 0 0 — 14

KSU—FG Rossman 37, 12:05. KSU-FG Rossman 53, 6:57.

Second Quarter CU-Stewart 4 run (Goodman kick), CU—McKnight 21 pass from Hansen

(Goodman kick), 6:19. **Third Quarter**

KSU—Freeman 17 run (Rossman kick),

	KSU	CU
First downs	15	24
Total Net Yards	349	53
Rushes-Yards	23-112	57-247
Passing	237	106
Comp-Att-Int	20-41-0	13-25-1
Interceptions-Yards	1-1	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-29	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-17	3-66
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-7	1-10
Punts-Average	5-36.6	6-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-84	6-54
Time of Possession	23.39	36.21

RUSHING—KSU, Dold 13-47, Freeman 7-42, Snipes 1-27, Team 2-(minus 4). CU, Stewart 29-141, Hansen 19-86, Scott 6-11, Jo.Smith 2-9, Sumler 1-0. PASSING—KSU, Freeman 20-41-0-237. CU, Hansen 7-14-1-71, C.Hawkins 6-11-

RECEIVING—KSU, Banks 5-95, Mastrud 5-42, Murphy 4-47, Alstatt 2-15, Quarles 2-11, Pierce 1-17, Dold 1-10. CU, Geer 4-12, McKnight 3-32, J.Behrens 2-19, Williams 2-14, Jo.Smith 1-22, Crawford

Attendance—52,099.



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VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats spend weekend in Manhattan, sweep Tech

By Brad Dornes KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Wildcat volleyball team made it look easy Saturday night as they beat the Texas Tech Red Raiders in straight sets.

The Wildcats were led by senior outside hitter Rita Liliom as she passed the 1,000 career kill mark with her 11 on Saturday night, giving her 1,002 overall. She became the 15th Wildcat to surpass the career mile-

"It meant a lot to me to do it here at home," Liliom said. "I just want to contin-

ue to be consistent. Head coach Suzie Fritz

said for a player to reach that milestone, she must be consistent for a very long

"To reach 1,000 kills means she has taken a lot of swings in her career," Fritz said. "What speaks volumes about Rita is that she has always hit for high efficiency."

The Wildcats were able to control the match by strong serving, totaling six serving aces. Jenny Jantsch had two serving aces, which moved her into eighth place all time at K-State.

"Rita and Jenny have done a great job taking on additional roles this year as

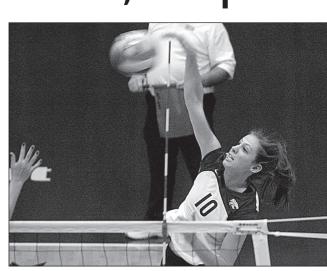
seniors," Fritz said. The Wildcats (17-3, 7-2)

also dominated the Red Raiders at the net, recording nine total team blocks and 40 kills. Seniors Nataly Korobkova and Megan Farr had nine and five kills respectively.

Fritz said she was pleased with her team's effort, but there are still several areas that they must improve on as the midway point of the

season approaches. "There were a lot of bright spots tonight, but we have a very long list of things we need to improve on in the second half of Big 12 play," she said.

K-State's next match is Wednesday against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Jenny Jantsch spikes the ball in a game against Texas Tech Saturday night. The Cats swept Texas Tech and are looking toward their next opponent, Iowa State, this Wednesday in Ames.

Unusual minority

4 men cross gender lines to join women's studies at K-State

By Autumn Shoemaker KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Michael Hendrickson, who has been a landscaper, janitor, butcher, farmer, traveling petting zoo worker and Goodwill employee, obviously has had varied job experience; now, he studies women.

Hendrickson, senior in women's studies, is one of four men in the women's studies major at K-State, while there are 30 women in the major.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Women's studies, contrary to its name, is decidedly not a women's-only club. Hendrickson said it is a look at the social injustices of history and an active mission to promote awareness of and fight oppres-

Hendrickson said humans are social organisms who seek fairness in life. He also said the human race functions on such ideologies, despite them being no more than social constructs. When it comes down to it, gender, good and evil, fairness, race and most concepts that define the human race simply are made up by people and are eventually taken for granted as the way life must be, he said.

Though he initially planned on becoming a women's studies teacher, Hendrickson said he decided that he wanted a more hands-on approach.

"I want to get out there and help people," he said. "It's more unusual to be a guy in shelter houses [than women's studies]."

Brett Farmer, senior in women's studies, said he decided to become a women's studies major during

his sophomore year at K-State because he felt the major allowed him the academic freedom to study new concepts.

"The deciding factor was the chance to study theorists I'd been dying to study," he said.

Some of Farmer's role models include Michael Foucault and Jean Baudrillard, both male philosophers and sociologists with key roles in women's suffrage. However, Farmer said he doesn't know if there's an academic space for revolutionary philosophers at K-State because philosophy majors tend to be more traditional, with an emphasis on post-modern theories.

CHOSEN FOR A REASON

Angela Hubler, director of women's studies, said she thinks the men who chose to major in women's studies were following in the footsteps of men like Frederick Douglas and John Stuart Mill – famous equal-rights activists.

"He is interested in and committed to a wide range of social justice issues, including justice for women," said Hubler, who has had Hendrickson in class.

She also said overcoming such oppressions is crucial for all people.

Though Hubler said

she's not sure why exactly people choose the major, she said she thinks students who do major in women's studies are committed to social justice issues, including issues regarding both genders. "While women are

central to women's studies, women's experiences are not exclusively what we look at in women's studies," she said

Hubler said the class-

Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Michael Hendrickson is one of four men in the women's studies major at K-State, while there are 30 women in the major.

through class, gender, race and ethnicity. She also said women's studies can provide a framework of analysis that can be useful to anyone interested in helping overcome social oppressions.

William Carman, senior in women's studies, said he thinks women's studies provides students with a revolutionary educa-

Carman first decided to major in women's studies after taking an introducto-

es look at social hierarchies ry class; he said he appreciates how radical the classes are and that he can discuss social issues with his peers. After graduation, Carman said he intends to intern in Africa, where he will help with women's issues.

> "Women's studies will enable me to remove my social idiosyncrasies so I can see an issue from a totally clear perspective," he

> Farmer said he plans to teach at a university after completing graduate post-graduate school.

There are many job opportunities available for students who major in women's studies, from lawyer to counselor, even politician. Graduates from the K-State Department of Women's Studies have gotten involved with the following organizations as well as others:

-The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault -Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence -Fair Trade Coffee Company -The Barack Obama campaign

-Angela Hubler, director of women's studies

As for Hendrickson, he is interested in looking at the theoretical applications of women's studies to sociology and social work. After

graduating, he said he plans to work for a nonprofit organization or for shelter homes, which he hopes will be his best career choice.

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Big 12 Student Leadership Conference comes to K-State

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Thursday kicked off the Big 12 Student Leadership Conference at K-State, which played host to 10 universities in a fourday conference designed to help members of student government learn and grow as potential leaders after graduation. The conference is held every year at one of the Big 12 universities, and K-State will not host the Big 12 confer-

ence again until 2020. Fifty-four stud students from 11 of the 12 universities came to the conference. Oklahoma State University students were unable to attend because the conference interfered with the college's homecoming.

ALUM FOCUSES ON PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lee Harris, chairman of the executive committee for the K-State Foundation Board of Trustees, opted to forgo the traditional lecture to hold an interactive question-andanswer session focused on how to achieve success in life during the Big 12 Student Government Leadership Conference Friday.

"You folks are going to get serious about life real



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Lee Harris is the chairman of the executive committee for the K-State Foundation Board of

quick," Harris said. "You're

building the foundations of

your life and things aren't

looking good out there

right now. People who are

smart and keep their wits

about them see opportuni-

point, Harris told students

they must find a way to dif-

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their competitors.

"We are in a society that differentiation," values

Harris said they should write a "feature-benefit worksheet" instead of a résumé and put it at the top of the list. It should be designed to tell potential employers what differentiates that applicant from others, rather than just listing education and experiences.

Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Greg Musil gave a speech on the characteristics of a strong leader for the Big 12 Student Government Leadership Conference.

> Harris ended the discussion by asking students what would their tomb-

"This isn't about dying," Harris said. "This is

thinking about living."
Harris suggested that the students write out what their tombstone might say every 10 years and see how it changes throughout

"[Conference attendees] are all in student government and we are all being watched by the student body. It's a reality check." said Jessica Liu, president pro tempore of student government at Baylor University, after the session.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ADVISES STUDENTS TO LEAD WITH PAS-SION, PATTERN, PRIDE

Keynote speaker and K-State alumnus Greg Musil encouraged students to use passion, pattern and pride to lead in the future.

Musil opened by using the following quote from Napoleon Bonaparte: "A leader is a dealer in hope. If you can get other people to invest in what you want done, you have exercised leadership."

Musil continued by saying the easiest way to lead is by passion.

"I believe with sincere passion all other things will fall into place," said Vincent Winston, senior in public affairs and African American studies and vice president of the University of Oklahoma Student Association.

Winston said it was his passion that won him the election from the student body as vice president and not his experience in student government.

Musil told students that if they were not passionate about a particular project or were not an expert on it, to find the best person for the job.

He used the example of a quartet and said if you want someone to sing tenor, then let the tenor sing

"I really liked what he said about not being a leader seeking credit; to be passionate," said Lydia Peele, K-State student body president. "I also liked finding the best tenor, find the best person for the job."

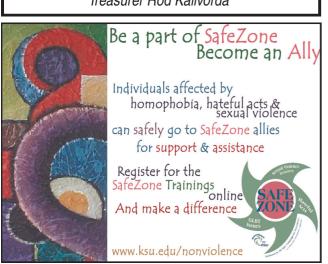
The second way for people to lead is by pattern. Musil said when people get older we form patterns and then leading becomes almost a habit.

Last, Musil said many leaders lead with pride. When a leader has enough pride in a project, group or legislation, the leader will not allow it to fail even if that leader already has a full plate.

"It's stretching your-self on all those occasions when something has to get done," Musil said. "At the tend of the day, what gets things done is the pride you bring with you. It's not what others think about you, but what you think about yourself."

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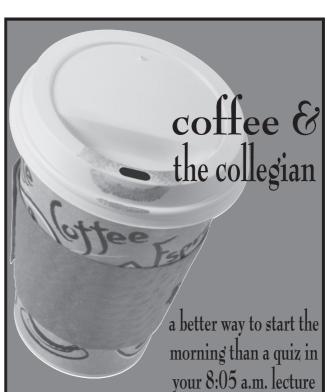
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STEPS | Group satirizes politics

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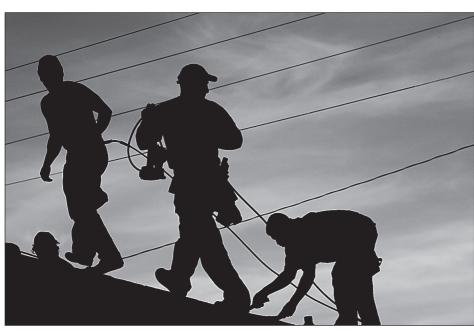
men or a virgin, so they wrote song parodies and that's how the group started," Biern said.

Biern said Capitol Steps helps bring humor to the public through the antics of politics. She said people often tell the group the

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Another focus of the department will be to strengthen the agency's emergency management operations. According to the re-

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Student learns planning skills on Homecoming committee

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Large-event planning requires a variety of skills like the ability to prepare for the needs and wants of many different people, foreseeing potential problems and ways to solve them, and keeping the big picture in mind at all

Many people might shy away from the prospect of planning an event for thousands, but Allison Mense views the experience as an enjoyable challenge.

"I just enjoy large-event planning, and I have such a passion for K-State – I love being able to share it with others this way."

Mense, senior in secondary education, has put that inclination to good use as she prepares for her second K-State Homecoming as a member of the planning committee. She also served as the chair of the K-State Open House committee in April and will serve in the same capacity next spring.

Though most students do not begin thinking about Homecoming until the fall, selection of Homecoming Committee members takes place in March. Applicants fill out an online application with essay questions, which are reviewed by a panel from the K-State Alumni Association. Thirty students are selected for the committee, with some members acting as specific representatives of residence halls and greek and student organizations.

"We start right away in April by picking a theme and a charity to donate money from the 5K race," Mense said. "If we can get those things done early and out of the way, then we're in

good shape for the fall."

The committee splits into sub-committees that range from 2-5 people. The group meets every Monday night in the fall before Homecoming to report on progress and discuss any changes that might need to be made. The week before Homecoming finds committee members finalizing every last detail of events.

"[Homecoming] is really a two-week event for people on the committee," Mense

The Hoxie, Kan., native said working through months of planning has given her a greater understanding of the event than when she participated as a freshman with her sorority,

Kappa Kappa Gamma.
"I appreciate everyone's work a lot more," Mense said. "It's a challenge to promote change, but it's always worthwhile. This has been one of my favorite organizations at K-State."

After Homecoming week is over, the committee will take a two-week break and then meet for a wrap-up and evaluation session to assist with next year's planning. Mense said she has learned a few lessons of her own, though.

"I've learned about making connections with alumni and how to interact with different groups of people," she said. "The biggest lesson I've learned is to be OK when things go wrong. I really love to problem-solve, and Homecoming gives me lots of chances to practice that.

"During the week, I usually wake up and think, "OK, what might go wrong today, and how can I fix it



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Allison Mense, senior in secondary education, serves on the 2008 homecoming committee. Thirty students are selected for the committee, with some members acting as specific representatives of residence halls, greek houses and student organizations.

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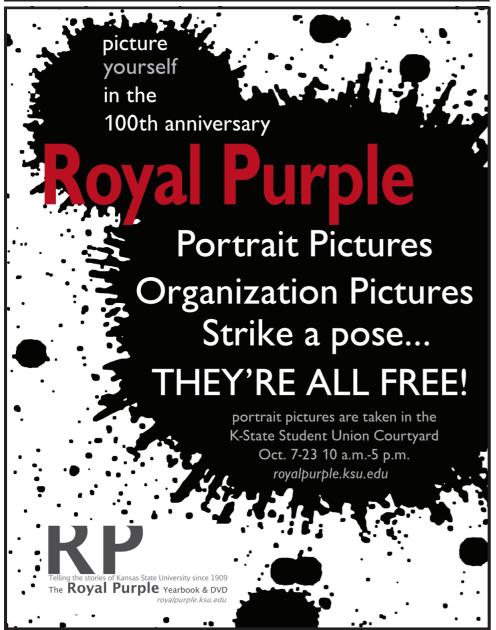
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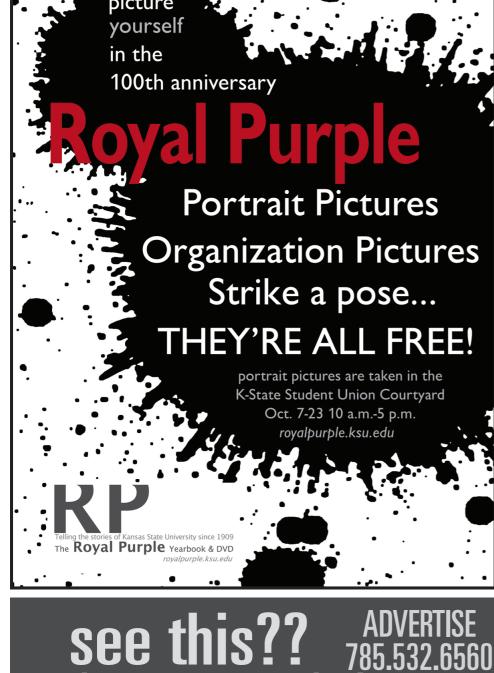
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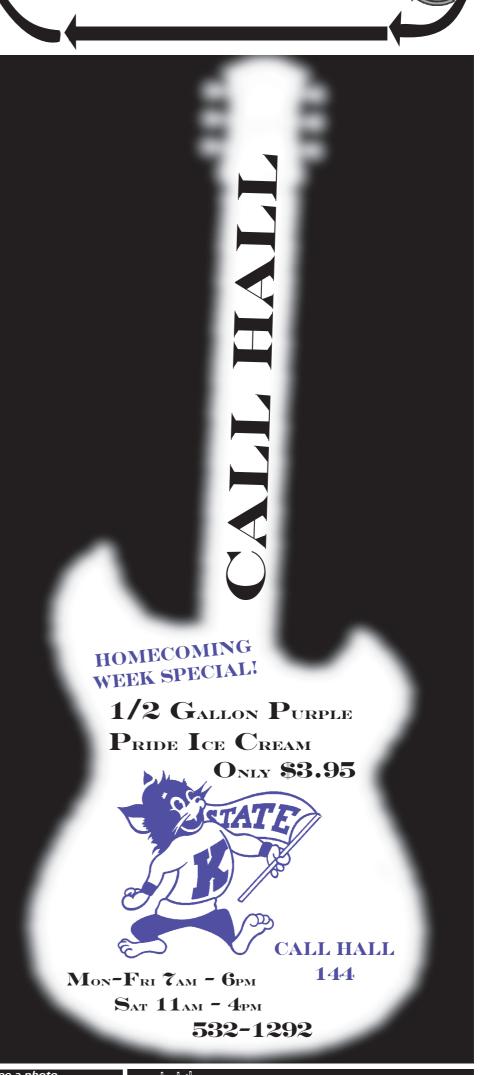
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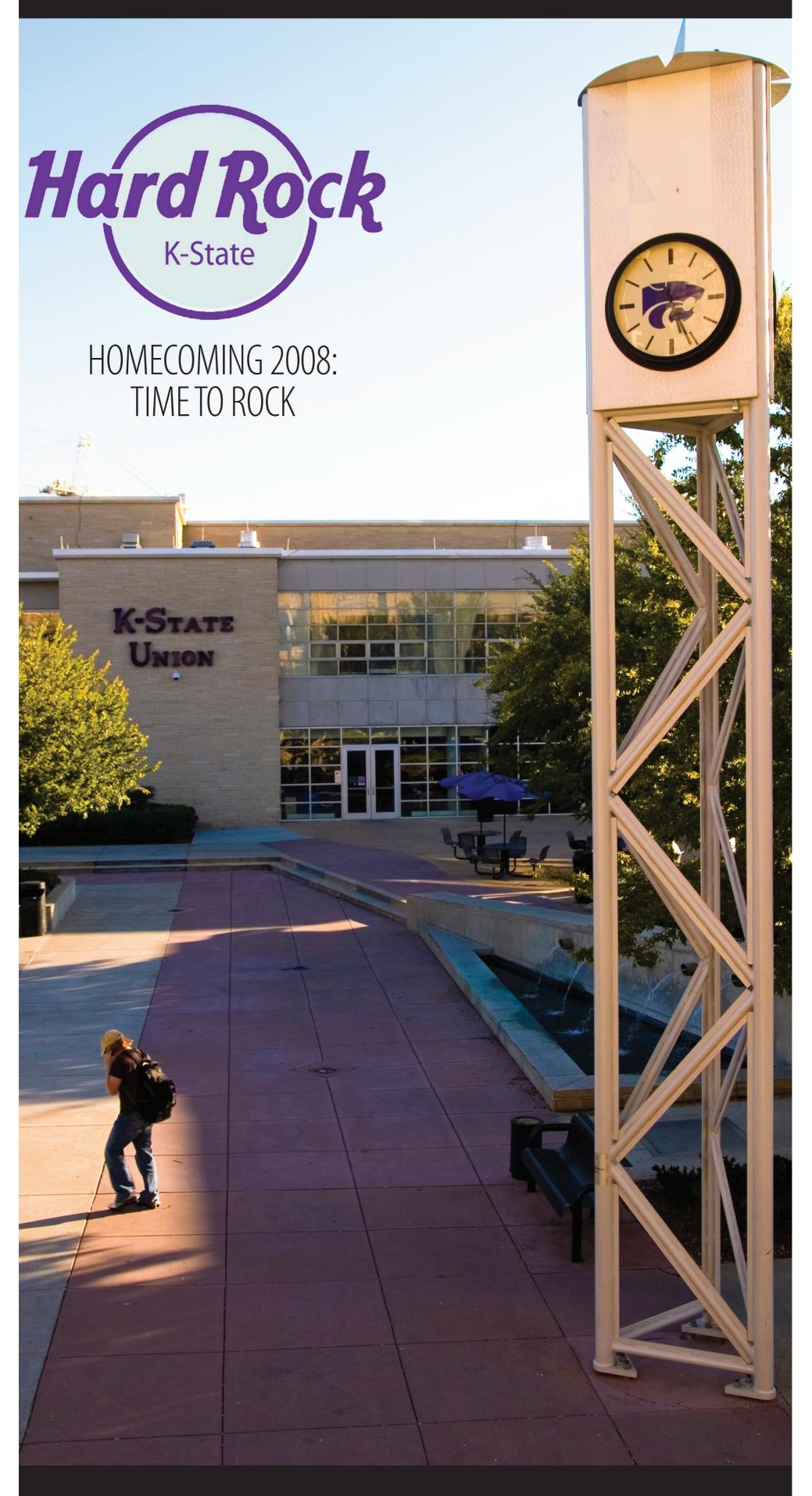


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K-State community gears up for annual Homecoming events

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Homecom-Various ing activities will take place throughout the week, and here are three profiles of some favorites.

PANT THE CHANT

Wildcat fans will prove their purple blood during Pant the Chant at 8 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum tonight. Campus organizations show their pride by performing chants about K-State.

Lauren Griffith, senior in leadership studies and management, is co-chair for planning the event. She said 18 groups will participate this year, four of which are student organizations and the rest are residence halls, fraternities and sororities.

The event is free and open to the public, but attendees are encouraged to bring at least one canned good, which will be donat-

Six judges will determine the winning group based on four criteria, including rhythm, loudness, originality and the chant's adherence to this year's homecoming theme, Hard Rock K-State.

Griffith said she's looking forward to see how creative all the groups are with the rock-and-roll theme.

Griffith said the planning process for Homecoming started in April, but Pant the Chant wasn't being organized until September.

In the past, groups of up to 100 students participated by shouting their well-rehearsed chants.

Two years ago the event was in Ahearn Field House, which did not provide adequate acoustics for the event, according to a 2006 Collegian article. It has since been in Bramlage.

Griffith said the primary advantage of having the event in Bramlage is everylocation and seating isn't an cal science, said the Classy issue.

WILDCAT REQUEST LIVE

Greek Homecoming pairings get to show off their song-and-dance talents Wednesday night at the Homecoming tradition Wildcat Request Live. Pairings will dance and lip-sync to a song of their choice. Lip syncing is part of the competition, but has typically been overshadowed by the elaborate dance rou-

Eleven pairings will participate in this year's WRL event, which will be at 8 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Wildcat Request Live is free and open to the pub-

Judges will decide a winner after examining the performances based on four criteria: overall performance, adherence to the Homecoming theme, creativity and choreography.

Cats and the K-State cheerleaders will perform prior to each pairing. Nolan said the event shows the talent, athleticism and creativity in the greek community.

'I think it really shows the effort that we put into everything we do," he said.

Last year's Homecoming theme was "Magic in Manhattan," which inspired songs like "Abracadabra," "Magic Carpet Ride" and "I Put a Spell on You," according to a 2007 Collegian article. This year the theme is "Hard Rock K-State," which promises entertaining music and creative dance routines-the heart and soul of Wildcat Request Live.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The annual K-State Homecoming parade will be a finale to the week's events at 5 p.m. Friday. President Jon Wefald and his wife, Ruth Ann, will be the grand

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The parade will start

at Manhattan Town Center moving west to 11th Street. where it will turn north. The parade will continue down Moro Street in Aggieville. Once it reaches Manhattan Avenue, it will turn south and stop in City Park.

Emily Taylor, senior in leadership studies and management, said the highlight will be the grand marshals, Fort Riley's First Infantry Band and the "Hard Rock K-State"-themed floats, but she said she enjoys everything about the parade.

'My favorite part about the parade is the thought of the Manhattan community and surrounding communities coming together to celebrate K-State," she said.

Taylor, one of the parade's organizers, said 19 student-made floats will participate in this year's parade, as well as 60 other entries from local groups.

Taylor said three judges will determine the winner of the float competition, and three others will determine the winner of the overall parade competition. The judges' names were asked to be kept confidential.

She said floats will be judged based on three criteria. Design and appearance is worth 40 points, and is broken down into originality, worth 15 points, how fun the float is to look at, worth 15 points, and the detail put into the float, worth 10 points.

The other two criteria are adherence to theme, worth 35 points, and school spirit and incorporation of K-State, worth 25 points.

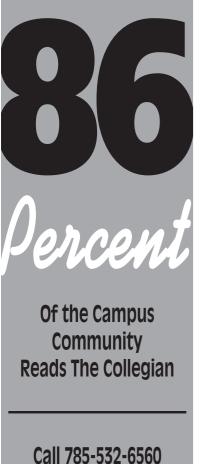
The overall parade competition will be judged based on four criteria, creativity, overall enthusiasm, member participation and generation of Wildcat spir-

"The part of the parade that I am not looking forward to is it being over," Taylor said. "I have enjoyed planning Homecoming and being a part of the [Homecoming] committee.'

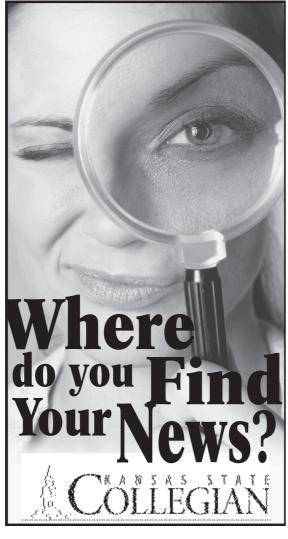








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Representing the K-State nation

Student ambassadors reflect on events of their year-long terms, offer advice for future ambassadors

By Sydney Eagleton KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The term for this year's student ambassadors is coming to an end. Robby Flack, senior in political science and economics, and Kara Bowman, senior in kinesiology and pre-physical therapy, have served the Wildcat nation for a year and during halftime at this year's Homecoming game, they will pass the torch.

The pair took some time to look back on what they have learned and accomplished during their term as well as offering some suggestions for the future ambassadors.

What about your year as ambassador has surprised you?

Robby Flack: There were a couple of things that surprised me, one of them being just how many different activities we were able to be involved in as ambassadors, like Student Alumni Board, the alluniversity Homecoming Committee, getting to go to a ton of different alumni club events around the state.

So the amount of stuff that we were able to be involved in and just how fast that it went by. It was a really fast year, and it seems like it just started.

Kara Bowman: I didn't think I could love K-State more than I already did, and I definitely gained a deeper appreciation for K-State as a university and its students and alumni.

It was great to meet fellow K-Staters and hear their experiences and to see how closely related they are to mine nowadays.

What did you enjoy about your year as ambassador?

RF: I enjoyed getting to travel around the state, meet tons of alumni from all over and just to see how much they enjoy K-State and how much love they have for it after graduating 30, 40, 50 years ago.

Just having them share their experiences and memories after all those years.

KB: Everything. Every single thing that we got to be involved in was just an awesome experience.

I absolutely loved being a member of student alumni board and being on the

homecoming committee.

I think the most fun part was meeting the alumni all over the state that love K-State as much as we do, being at K-State and in Manhattan right now.

It's cool to see that that love for K-State hasn't changed at all in any genera-

What do you feel was one of your biggest accomplishments during your time as ambassador?

RF: Probably our biggest accomplishment, Kara and I got to do a lot of new things during our time as ambassadors.

We made a DVD this year that was the first for the ambassadors to do. It was just another way to get the message out there and recruit.

We also started doing a blog with the Collegian. That was a new thing we got

Just setting some new precedents for

how the job description could be expanded a little bit.

KB: I hope Robby and I increased the exposure of the ambassador position and increased its appeal as well.

We also got to make a DVD this year that was so much fun, and this is the first year that it has been done, and I feel like that will be a foundation that other students can build upon and continue to improve over the years.

I hope that we helped other people to recognize how great of an experience the ambassador position is.

What advice do you have for the future ambassadors?

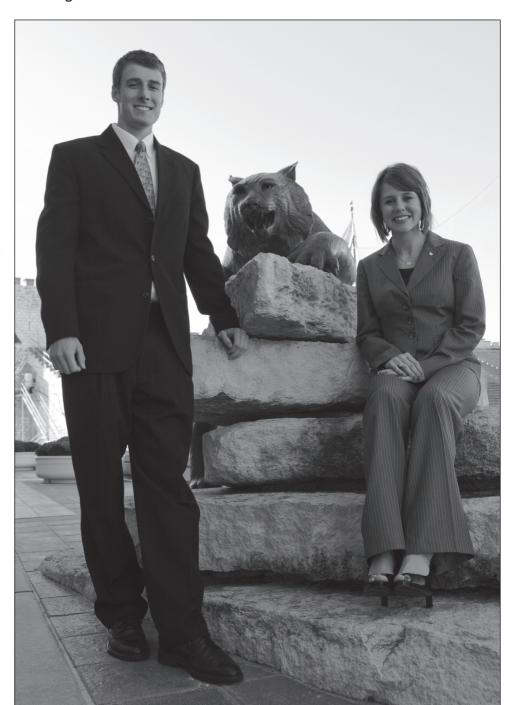
RF: I would say my advice would be to just enjoy all of the traveling and events that you get to go to.

Not to be nervous about speaking in front of people. They're all K-Staters and really do want to learn from you and see what it's like to be a student, that's what they're going to take away from it.

So just not to be nervous about speaking in front of them.

KB: To enjoy every second. Every event ... there are so many events and every event flies by.

I can't even describe how fast the year goes and there are so many things that you're involved in and doing but you

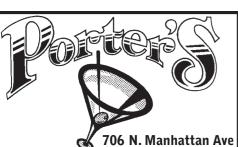


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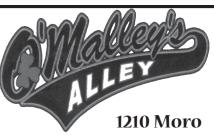
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\$1.75 Cans

THURSDAY

\$2.00 Boulevards, Blue Moon, Killian's Pints \$2.00 Domestic Bottles

\$1.75 Domestic Draws

SUNDAY

\$1.75 Domestic Pints \$1.75 Wells \$3.50 Belfast& 180° Bombs

Now Hiring

Monday \$1°° off

all drinks, btl's, frozens, martinis, shots, draws, \$200 Monster Bomb open @ 4pm

Tuesday 1/2 Price Martinis

\$200 Any Pints \$200 Dom. Bottles open @ 4pm

Wednesday

\$250 All Frozen Drinks \$200 Domestic Big Beers/Wells Bottles/Shots 25¢ Wings 4pm-9pm Open at 4pm

Thursday

\$300 Energy Bombs \$300 Red Bull and Vodka \$200 Any Pint \$200 Import Bottles& Micros 50¢ Hard and Soft Tacos Any Sandwich \$300 11am-2pm Open at 11am

Friday

\$3.00 Boulevard Pints \$300 Any Sandwich 11am-2pm \$2.00 Enchilada Plates Open at 11 am

Saturday

\$300 UV Vodka Drinks \$300 Blue Moon & Killians Pints Open @ 11am

Sunday

\$175 Wells and Domestic Draws Open @ 7pm

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Now Hiring

Monday \$1.75 Wells \$1.75 Any Pints

§3.00 Red Bull & Vodkas \$3.00 Energy Bombs 1/2 Price Tequila Shots §1.50 Salsa 4-9

Tuesday

1/2 Price Margaritas \$2 Import Bottles 1/2 Price Salsas \$2.50 Domestic Pitchers

Wednesday

\$2 U Call it Margaritas, Bttls., Prem., Calls, Wells §3 Energy Bombs

Thursday Party Pic Night

§1 Off All Salsas

Come be a part of Aggieville history by getting you and your friends party pictures posted on our walls. 10-Midnight Sponsored by Budweiser: \$2.00 Bottles

(Bud, Bud Light, Bud Select) §1.75 Bud Light Pints 1/2 Price Margaritas [§]2 Imports and Micros

Sunday

1/2 Price Salsas

\$2 off Any Drinks §2 Monster Bombs

From active greek member to alumna observer, student reflects on past homecoming involvement



SARAH RASMUSSEN

The weather is changing from warm to cool, and I can hardly contain myself. This particular weather change can only mean one thing: it's homecoming — my favorite week of the entire year.

For the past four years, I devoted my entire being to the one week a year that combines student unity, competition, and making new friends.

This year will be somewhat bittersweet because I don't get to participate in events like Pant the Chant, Wildcat Request Live (cheerleader, not participant), and my all-time favorite event, which is the parade.

I also have to sit out for the pep rally at the end of the week.

As an alumni member of a greek house, I will miss the camaraderie between my sorority house and our fraternity partners. There is something intriguing and fun about spending

hours upon end using spray glue to adhere tissue paper to chicken wire in intricate designs that almost always turn out to be a work of art.

One reason I love homecoming so much is because it provides an opportunity for competition, which keeps the week interesting.

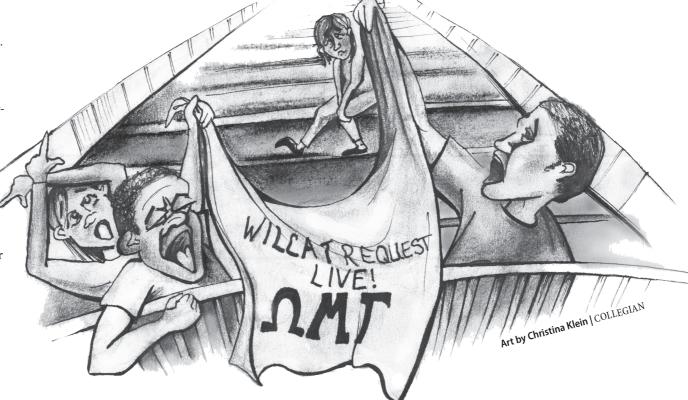
One group rarely wins more than two categories so the overall winner is a surprise.

Everyone likes to believe their student group, non-greeks and greeks alike, is the best; however, homecoming decides who holds the title for an entire year, and the best part is that if you don't like the outcome you will have the ability to try again the next year.

There have been a lot of positive changes to this year's homecoming, but a main one is how they will announce the winners of each event.

In previous years, event winners were announced immediately following that event, but this year they will not announce any of the winners until the pep rally in Aggieville.

I think this is the best change they could have made because it might help keep negative comments from popping up all over the place.



Since homecoming week is such a huge commitment to those involved, I am looking forward to having more down time to be able to focus on classwork and my jobs.

In the past, my grades have taken a backseat to homecoming activities because I wanted to meet new people as well as contribute to my house's success.

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I'm also looking forward to being able to socialize at parties and tailgates without the rules of the national headquarters looming over my every

The last thing I would ever want to do is give my house a bad name, but with all the regulations, like registering every party during homecoming week, it is easy to get into trouble, even if Kansas laws are on your side.

Even if you're not directly involved in home-coming through a campus group, you can still have just as much fun. Being a spectator will be a new experience for me, but I

have a feeling it will be just as fun, if not better, because I won't worry about the outcome as much.

If you can, get involved and make the best of this week and all it has to offer.

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